

# HEALTHMATTERS

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## "We Know Health Matters"

Robin Carothers and Ellen Berninger discuss the Cincinnati Connects plan on this month's "We Know Health Matters", CHD's show on Citicable, Time Warner Ch. 23.

### Playback Times

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| Mon  | 9, 11 a.m. |
| Wed  | 5 p.m.     |
| Thur | 2 p.m.     |
| Fri  | 9 a.m.     |
| Sun  | 3 p.m.     |

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## Dr. Maseru announces retirement



After a decade of public service to the City of Cincinnati, Health Commissioner Noble Maseru, Ph.D., MPH, announced he will retire on May 1.

"It has been a privilege and honor to serve as Cincinnati's Health Commissioner," stated Dr. Maseru. "Our accomplishments in improving the health and wellness of those we serve would not have been possible without our passionate and skilled public health workforce."

During his 10-year tenure, Dr. Maseru presided over the growth of primary care in the city, including the opening of several community and school-based health centers. But he was most passionate about reducing Cincinnati's Infant Mortality Rate (IMR).

Upon his arrival in 2006, Dr. Maseru began the Infant Vitality Surveillance Network and has since championed the issue of infant vitality, surveillance of IMR in small area analyses, and reduction of infant mortality through public health interventions.

"Dr. Maseru is a champion of the people of Cincinnati and will be greatly missed," said John Kachuba, Chairman, City of Cincinnati Primary Care Board of Governors. "One of his most significant contributions to the health of the city is his work in improving infant vitality."

## Neighborhood Summit

CHD's Health Promotion and Worksite Wellness division presented at this year's Neighborhood Summit. The session discussed the Creating Healthy Communities Coalition's (CHCC) vision for healthy living and ways to improve.

Over the next 5 years, CHCC seeks to implement policy, systems and environmental changes that will encourage a healthier lifestyle. Changes could include more access to farmers' markets, trails, and tobacco free environments such as housing, parks, and recreation centers.

The Lead Program was also on site alongside CHD nurses who provided free health screenings and health education.



## Happy Retirement!

After 22 years of service to CHD, Dr. Alam has decided to retire. His wife, daughter and son joined CHD to celebrate his retirement. Thank you to all who helped celebrate his service!

Mayor John Cranley wrote a proclamation announcing March 31, 2016 "Dr. Mohammad Alam Day" in Cincinnati.



## CHD Employee Spotlight

Armika Tatum

After 8 years, Armika Tatum will be leaving CHD to attend medical school at Ohio University.

She started her journey with CHD as a lab technician in 2008. Ms. Tatum later transferred to the department's Technical and Environmental Services serving as a Sanitarian in Training.



When Ms. Tatum finishes medical school she plans to work in pediatrics or family medicine in a medically underserved urban area.

Congratulations and best of luck on your endeavors, Ms. Tatum!

## April is Minority Health Month



Did you know that your zip code can be a predictor of your health? So can your place of birth, where you work and play, your income and education, and a host of other factors – in addition to the choices you make each day about what to eat, when to work out and whether or not to see a doctor. These factors, recognized by public health professionals as “social determinants of health,” are linked to inequities in health and health care (health disparities) among racial and ethnic minorities in America.

For more information about minority health month visit <http://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/nmhm16/>.